

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted to correct formal matters in various claims without changing the scope of the invention. In particular, Claims 7, 10, 11, 28 and 30 have been amended to bring the claim language into conformity with amendments made in the previous Amendment and Response submitted December 26, 2006. In the previous amendment, Claim 1 was amended to delete the word "known." Additionally, Claim 1 was amended to delete the word "rubber" and add the word "curable." The present amendment includes these changes in dependent claims. Claim 3 has been amended by this paper to more accurately reflect the relationship between claim elements as recited by Claim 1. Additionally, Claims 1 and 28 have been amended to correct claim language, such as punctuation and grammar issues. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims. It is believed that no subject matter of any claim has changed in a way that affects patentability.

If there are any claims that the Examiner believes are not now allowable, it is requested that the Examiner phone the undersigned representative regarding such claims. It is believed that no fees are due with this transmittal. However, the Examiner is authorized to debit Deposit Account 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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